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# Syria doubts U.S., Israel clash

DAMASCUS, March 23 (R). — Divergence of views between Israel and the United States does not mean they will head for a confrontation, a Syrian government spokesman said today. Commenting on reports of the apparent failure of talks between Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and President Carter, the spokesman said: "Contradiction in the American and Israeli positions does not mean the two sides will reach a point of division or confrontation. It means that the Americans want the Israelis to follow a course serving America's strategic aims." "The White House intervenes whenever Israel exceeds its role", the source added.

Price : Jordan 50 fils ; Syria 50 plastres ; Lebanon 75 plastres ; Sandi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

# King Hussein

TEHRAN, March 23 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Tehran today on a private visit. The King will meet with the Shah, during his visit, which is expected to last several days.

His Majesty is accompanied by Princess Basma, the King's sons: Princes Abdullah and Faisal and the chief chamberlain.

Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Viceroy for the period of the King's absence.

# U.S. examines Israeli violation of arms laws

- A special top-level investigation has been started to determine whether Israel's use of U.S. weapons in the invasion of Lebanon has violated an American law which limits the use of its arms exports.

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A Defence Department spo-kesman told a press briefing Israel's reported use of the new F-15 fighter in Lebanon was being studied. He declined to elaborate.

Americans are evenly divided over whether the U.S. government should cut off aid to Israel unless a peace agreement is signed, an Associated Press-NBC news poil conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday

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Dr. Ghali, who arrived in Sri

Lanka yesterday, said Israel must also accept the principle of the right of Palestinians to

self-determination before the seu-determination before the direct talks could be resumed.

The Egyptian deputy minister

Sri Lankan President Julius

Israeli military delegation in

sident Valery Giscard d'Estaing

today backed up his pledge to twork for greater national uni-ty by inviting opposition lea-ders defeated in last Sunday's

general elections to meet him

next week before he appoints

ROME, March 23 (Agencies) —

Although little other progress has been made in the hunt for

vanished one week ago a news-

paper reported today that po-

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It said witnesses of the am-

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has brought a personal message from President Anwar Sadat to

and El Meanwhile it was reported

from Tel Aviv that the small

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Despite sentiment for less

WASHINGTON, March 23 (R). U.S. involvement in the Middle East, about half of those questioned said Israel was justified in invading Lebanon in its ef-fort to stop terrorist attacks. Forty-two per cent agreed with the statement that all U.S. aid to Israel should be cut off unless Israel signs a peace pact. About 46 per cent disagreed with the statement. Twelve per

cent wer enot sure. Thirty-five per cent said the invasion was not justified. Sixteen per cent were not certain. Asked about the critical issue of whether Israel should give up occupied territory in Sinai, the West Bank and the Golan Heights, again sentiment was divided, although almost a

Colonel Ya'acov Heichal fi-

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Colonel Eliezer Rimon and me-

The Israeli military presence has been maintained in Cairo

since the halt of the bilateral

military talks two months ago.

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quarter of those questioned said they were not sure. ing the day. Ghali denies direct dialogue with Israel

COLOMBO, March 22 (R).— Cairo was changed this week Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali said today ces said.

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## ISRAELI PLANE CRASHES

TEL AVIV, March 23 (R).

Observers said the small gro-The pilot parachuted to safety, army sources said, and ers was being kept in Cairo to was slightly injured. There indicate that the military talks were no immediate reports were still formally in session, unlike the parallel political taof other casualties or dama-Iks which were broken off af-

# Two Lebanese soldiers (right) fraternise with some of the French paratroopers of the French conraid south on third day of fragile ceasefire

BEIRUT, March 23 (R). — Sporadic outbursts of shooting and shelling were reported from southern Lebanon today on the third day of a ceasefire in the

Workers at a Red Cross centre in the southern port city of Tyre said they saw Israeli planes bombing an area close to the coast near the Israeli

But a military spokesman in Tel Aviv later denied that Is-raeli forces had opened fire anywhere in south Lebanon dur-

A Palestinian commando spokesman said Israeli forces had shelled Palestinian positions in the south. He said the commandos had returned the fire and raided posts behind Israeli li-

An Israeli air force Skyhawk plane exploded in the air over the Kfar Sava area near nere today.

# worse, says Dayan TEL AVIV, March 23 (R). - "You cannot say that rything was negative. There

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said today relations between Israel and the United States had, in the past, been more troubled than they were now.

Mr. Dayan spoke to correspondents when he returned fr-

om Washington where Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Carter ended summit. talks in disagreement on basic issues of Middle East policy.

tions between Israel and the United States is by no means the worst we have had. You cannot possibly compare it with the crisis created when (former prime minister David) Ben-Gurion had to withdraw from Sinai (in 1956).

"That was very much worse. This time there has not been the slightest hint of any pressure on Israel, whereas in 1956 the pressure was accom-panied by threats," he said. The talks in Washington had been about peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt

# Arab detente

The semi-official newspaper's Arab diplomatic correspondent suggested that the leaders of

It urged them to fix a deadline, not later than next September, for attempts to resoive the Arab-Israeli issue by

rity Council to implement its Resolution 242 calling on Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab land, the Al Ahram article said

failed, they would set up a joint command to pool the resources of the five powers and prepare their armies for war, it sugg-

Meanwhile United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan arrived in Saudi Arabia today for a two-day visit, Riyadh radio reported.

He was received at Riyadh senior Saudi officials, the ra-

Paris, informed sources said the figure of 4,000 set by the U.N. for the force's

tion when they would take up

strength would probably be insufficient and said France was prepared to increase its contribution.

As the shaky ceasefire con-tinued, official figures issued in Beirut said the Israeli invasion had forced 265,000 people to flee their homes. The Lebanese government and a U.N. agency said 200,000 Lebanese and 65,000 Palestinians had beseek shelter elsewhere.

were also some most important and positive results," he He said that Israel had not raised the question of Lebanon. "This is a problem which has

to be discussed here and talks about Lebanon are being conducted in Israel." he said.

# Commandos get Saudi assistance

KUWAIT, March 23 (Agencies) - A Kuwaiti newspaper reported today that Saudi Arabia has provided Palestinian com-mando forces in southern Lebanon with urgent military, financial and medical aid. In an unsourced report from

Riyadh, the daily Al Siyassah gave no details of the aid.

But it quoted a senior Palestinian envoy, Mr. Salim Al Zaanoun, as saying after talks with Saudi ministers in Riyadh that "the Saudi position is one of strong support for the Palestinian revolution."

Mr. Zaanoun the Gulf representative of Fateh, the biggest Palestinian commando group, called on Egypt to launch an initiative to bridge Arab division which he said were preventing the convening of "a serious and constructive Arab su-

Al Siyassah also said large numbers of Palestinian and other Arab volunteers have left Kuwait and other countries in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula for Lebanon to join Palestinian commandos,

# Aid for refugees

The United States began delivering \$1.2 million worth of emergency relief aid today to the victims of fighting in south Lebanon. The first plane load of bl-

ankets, tents and food supplies landed at Beirut airport and the aid was delivered to a Lehanese government commission in charge of handling the 200.000 refugees who fled the southern regions during the fi-

The American aid came in response to an appeal from Lebanese President Elias Sar-

It was also announced today that Britain is providing £50,000 worth of emergency aid for

# Chill from the White House cuts deep Israel as Begin returns

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 23 (Agencies). — The rebuff encountered by Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Washington caused unease and led to political stirrings against his hard-line views in Israel today. The chill from the White House cut through the feverish preoccupation of the past week with the army's march into Lebanon.

conferences and on television.

Second thoughts about

These political portents were

invasion of Lebanon

Protest in

West Bank

rumbles on

TEL AVIV, Marcn 23 (Age-

ncies) — An Israeli bus was set ablase yesterday by four unidentified men near the

town of Ramallah in the

occupied West Bank, Israel

The driver told the tele-

vision that the bus, which

was carrying Arab workers from occupied territory to

their jobs in Israel, was st-

opped by a barricade of st-

ones, and set fire to by fo-

An explosive charge dis-

covered in the Atarot Air-

port car park just north of

Jerusalem last night was re-

moved before it did any ha-

rm, police said. They said the package co-

ntaining a large amount of

explosives had apparently

In a separate developme

nt Security forces last night detained 38-year old Arab

poet and journalist Mrs. Ra-

ymonda Tawil, her husband

Security officials would

not comment on the report

but her husband Daoud told

Reuter that security men had seized films his wife had ta-

ken of recent student dem-

He said Mrs. Tawil was escorted from her home at

Ramaliah, for questioning shortly after midnight last

night. She had not yet returned, and he could not dis-

cover where she was being

Mrs. Tawil, a mother of five children, is a corresp-

ondent for a number of Fr-

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Nowhere was there any attempt -- among diplomats, government officials or in Israeli press reports from Washington to deny that Mr. Begin's me-etings with President Carter had been tough.

None of the official pronouncements had included common palliatives like "constructive" or "useful" to describe the two days of talks on a Middle East peace settlement, Israelis not-

American officials, in analysing the talks between President Carter and Mr. Begin, cast the situation in a gloomy light. Some members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after meeting today with President Carter, said Israeli inflexibility has dimmed Middle East

peace prospects. Senator Jacob K. Javits said: "I think that prospects are momentarily discouraging' and he described President Carter's mood as deeply frustrated after two days of talks wi-

th Mr. Begin. Senator George McGovern said that "Unless there is some more flexibility on the part of Israel ... I don't see any hope for a settlement." McGovern said neither the Arabs nor Israel show "the degree of flexibility it will take to bring about a settlement."

Senator Charles Percy, Republican from Illinois, said it appeared that Israel had hardegotiating position "Now it appears as though

there is an entirely different policy by Israel than there has been in the past," he told reporters after the White House meeting. He added that he had hoped

Jordan could be brought into peace talks as a moderating presence after the Carter-Begin meeting but he now saw no basis for this. While the Israeli premier was in Washington President

Carter pressed forward with his plans to sell warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Israel is also included in the deal. Clement Zablocki, Chairman of the House of Representati-ve's International Relations Committee, said he thought Congress would support the deal. He indicated that Israel's invasion of Lebanon had swayed the views of both houses in favour of the two Arab countr-

Foreign Minister Moshe Davan said on returning from Washington that it might have

### Labour Party sees a ripe opportunity

But the opposition Labour Party expressed deep apprehension. It said the party would do everything it could to resume peace talks.

Press comment was largely in tune with an editorial in the English language Jerusalem Post, This said: "The time has come to rethink our positions rather than dig in defiantly. It is to be hoped that Mr. Begin and the government will now engage in such a reassesment of our positions and strategies." For the Labour Party, the occasion looked ripe for a forceful political onslaught again-

The issue on which the Washington talks foundered was Mr. Begin's refusal to consider an Israeli military withdrawal from the West Bank of the River Jordan or from the Gaza Strip.

st Mr. Begin's rightwing coali-

tion.

Mr. Begin refused to accept the American argument that the West Bank and Gaza were covered by United Nations Resolution 242.

On this question, the Labour Party's view is closer to the American one, Before losing power last May the party position was that Israel should withdraw from some, though not all, of the West Bank.

After several months in pow Mr. Begin's political stock has appeared on the decline. Economic troubles, the fading of peace hopes aroused by President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November and smothered by the Palestinian signs of cabinet dissension all attack which killed 34 Israelis contributed to lowering his pron the outskirts of Tel Aviv on March 11 and by the subse-Political commentators startquent invasion of south Leba-

ed talking about Defence Minister Ezer Weizman as a po-While the Israeli attack was tential prime minister, And Mr. Weizman, who since coming to in progress, public opinion seemed largely in favour of it. office had maintained low pub-The general feeling seemed lic visibility, suddenly began making appearances at news

to be a compound of gratification at revenge for Israeli lives and a belief that future Palestinian attacks were being staved off.

Labour leader Shimon Peres at the time expressed general approval of the invasion He said it would not be correct to criticise the government while Israeli troops were in combat.

With a cease-fire in force and United Nations forces moving in, there were some signs of second thoughts about the Le-

banon operation. Open to question was whether the operation had actually stamped out Palestinian activity or whether it had resulted in creation of a U.N. protected zo-

ne through which Palestinians could filter but which Israelis could not attack. The guerrillas who raided Tel Aviv were based not in the south of Lebanon but at Damour, close to Beirut. Military commentators noted that futu-re attacks could as easily be launched from mother ships

sailing from any hard-line Arab ahiriyah. One member of the Knesset, Ammon Rubinstein, noted that the establishment of a U.N. force in Lebanon meant that the United Nations soldiers were now interposed between Israel and three of ber four neighbours. The only excepti-

Mr. Rubinstein belongs to the Democratic Movement for Change, most dovish of the groups in the Begin coalition.

on was Jordan and the West

Israel's reluctant acceptance of a U.N. presence in Lebanon was seen by some diplomats as a possible precedent for per-suading the Israelis to accept similar arrangements for the West Bank.

### U.S. expected to step in

The United States is now widely expected, after a brief interval, to step forward with a compromise settlement plan. This would probably be in the form of a draft declaration for peace principles for the stalled negotiations between Israel and Egypt. Government officials have no

doubt that the compromise would be unpalatable to Mr. Begin. Privately, some officials are saying that if further negotiations with Egypt prove impractical it might be possible to revise the idea of a Geneva conference embracing all parties including the Soviet Uni-

# Begin: C'est la vie

WASHINGTON, March 23 (Agencies). -- Israeil Prime Minister Menachem Begin today shrugged off his difficult, talks here with President Carter and told a television interviewer "Such is life... There will be sunshine."

"As the French would say. 'c'est la vie'" the Israeli premier was quoted as saying. Mr. Begin said he would re-

port to his cablnet after returning home today from two days of talks with President Carter. The talks ended in deadlock with no early prospect of renewed Egyptian-Israeli negotiations.

It was reported today that a highly placed American offi-cial had told an Israeli leader in Mr. Begin's party: "For the sake of continued negotiations between Israel and Egypt there

is a need to replace Prime Minister Menachem Begin." The report, attributed to an

Israeli Radio political reporter, did not name the American official or the Israeli leader supposedly involved. NBC Radio carried a similar report Thursday, quoting un-

named senior government officials in Tel Aviv as saying a high-level U.S. official had "bluntly" told Israelis in Washington that Mr. Begin must step down if peace efforts are to succeed. In Washington, White House

Press Secretary Jody Powell said reports that U.S. officials were trying to force Begin from "were without founda-"I rather doubt seriously

that any high American officials made any such statements" Mr. Powell told reporters.

still evading police the Red Brigades kidnappers of ex-Premier Aldo Moro who

one of the gang. Corriere Della Sera of Milan

said he was Prospero Gallinari. a veteran leader of the far-left guerrilla group. bush of Signor Moro's car, had identified Gallinari. They said he sat beside the driver of a car which stopped in front of Signor Moro's in the ambush in which the politician's five guards were shot dead.

ted today by police hunting for Moro's kidnapoers. One of them tried to swallow a letter with German names on it but police managed to seize part

Two extremists were arres-

Police did not say, however, erthrow the state.

whether the two men arrested had any connection with the gang or the abduction. And senior anti-terrorist officer commented privately today that the police did not have any idea where Signor Moro was.

Apart from rumblings of criticism of the way the affair has been handled from the Italian press, one sharp protest came from the leader of the small but influential Radical Party, former Vice-Premier Ugo

La Malfa. Signor La Malfa charged that the police had acted slowly. that the government should have imposed a curfew and introduced the death . sentence, and he said "I hope Moro does

not pay for our errors." Meanwhile the trial of 15 members the Red Brigades in Turin has been recessed for one week because of Easter.
The 15 are charged with organising an armed band to ov-

appointing new French premier the ruling centre-right coalition in the elections. Although the coalition of Gaullists, Centrists and Republic-

ans won the tworound election by 91
seats, there were less than
400,000 votes between the two sides. The Socialists picked up more popular votes than any

In a broadcast to the nation last night, M. Giscard d'Estaing said the time had come to end the split between left and right in France and called for a "reasonable cohabitation" between the majority parties

and the opposition. In a remarkably conciliatory message to the left, he said that Socialists and Communists were French citizens just like ev-eryone else and that the general election was not designed to distinguish good and bad Frenchmen.

He announced he was immediately starting consultations with business and labour leaders to ask their advice on what they considered to be FIance's priority problems. "After these political and ec-

onomic discussions, a new government will be formed," he The president today followed this up by meeting Andre Bergeron, leader of the mode-

rate Force Ouvriere trade uni-

on, and by announcing his invi-

tations to the three opposition

chiefs. He will see M. Mitterrand on Tuesday and will also have consultations with coalition party leaders, including Gaullist

alangist forces had blocked the way of Iranian troops trying to set up a post on a bridge over the Litani River, but Israeli officers had persuaded them to let the Iranians through. The Christian forces, who re-

had fired shots over the heads

of Iranian troops of the U.N.

force moving into south Leba-

They also said Christian Ph-

gard the Israelis as their allies, have strongly objected to the posting of U.N. forces to replace Israeli troops who invaded the south 10 days ago. French paratroops arrived in

Lebanon today to join the U.N. Relations could be

Lebanese Christian militiamen force, but there was no indica-

their duties.

"The present crisis in rela-

# Al Ahram urges

CAIRO, March 23 (R). — Egypt's Al Ahram newspaper called today for President Sadat and hardline Arab opponents of his Middle East settlement bid to meet urgently, set a deadline for an Arab-Israeli peace deal and prepare war plans as an alternative.

Syria, the Libyan Jamahiriyah, Algeria and Iraq fly to Cairo for emergency talks.

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# This was not our finest moment

This past week will not go down in history as one of the Arabs' finest moments, but then history, in the hands of the Arabs, is a peculiar beacon to guide our actions. We have our grandeur and our failures etched deeply throughout the fabric of history, but the lesson that stands out most glaringly from the past is that Arab success has always been built on the shoulders of cooperation and coordination. This week, it has been plain for anyone to see that the Arab World has reached something of a new low in its clumsy confrontation with the forces of Zionism and imperialism. Like the value of the dollar, the Arabs are capable of reaching ever lower depths of inaction week after week, and this week we have reached yet another low. We do not say this with any pride, except, perhaps, with the pride that comes from confronting the realities of our world honestly, which is not unlike the pride of the refugee or the generosity of the poor.

The Israeli invasion of south Lebanon has left the Arab World exposed to the ridicule of people everywhere, including many Arabs themselves. While Israel marched forth virtually unchallenged except for the brave resistance of small groups of Palestinian resistance fighters, the rest of the Arab World shook under the thunder of words, rocked under the pounding of promises and reeled from the reverberations of vast commitments to solidarity and to resist the Israeli aggression. No doubt, the Israelis will only feel reassured that they can do this sort of thing virtually at their own will. In the first major military episode since the 1973 War, the Israelis have come out confident that they have something of a free hand.

This week, it was southern Lebanon. Next week, it may be somewhere else. The unpleasant fact is that the Arabs are pulling off one of history's most cruel self-deceptions if they think they can really confront Israel in the manner that they did this week. But the week is history now, and history tells us that great achievements often come from nations rising to the challenges of the day. It didn't happen last week, a fact that is as obvious to the Israelis as it is to us.

# ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAT editorially said Thursday that Israel clearly wants to utilise the so called security belt it imposed in south Lebanon to serve its obectives and expansionist ambitions by manipulating the recent U.N. Security Council resolution 425 which calls for immediate Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon and the stationing of U.N. forces on the area.

Comparing the south Lebanon "security belt" with former Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's plan for stationing Israeli forces along the Jordan River in the West Bank, Al Ra'i says that Israel wants to transform the U.N. forces and the Lebanese army -- which will be stationed on a stretch of land from the Litani River to the Lebanese-Israeli boundaries -- into an ordinary police force to prevent the Palestinian resistance from attacking the nearby Jewish settlements. Likewise, in the West Bank, Israel wants the inhabitants of its settlements together with the Israeli forces to carry out police duties. It even wants to prevent the Arab inhabitants there from holding on to their Jordanian nation-

"With this logic, Mr. Pegin is trying to persuade President Carter to accept Israel's peace plan," the newspaper says. Al Ra'i warms against Israel's strategy of imposing security belts whose purpose is in fact to continue the occupation of Arab territory.

AL DUSTOUR called on the Arab "steadfast and confrontation" countries (the anti-Sadat alignment) to reverse their decision to stay away from any Arab summit which would be attended by

President Anwar Sadat. The newspaper says an Arab summit was essential for Arab leaders to settle their differences, restore solidarity and live up to their responsibilities.

The unprecedented painful Arab state of affairs... is the bitter fruit of the differences that have torn apart the Arab leadership. It is no secret that these differences are the sharpest weapons in the hands of Israel," the newspaper says

Arab leaders should not hesitate to meet at the highest level "because the dimensions of the tragedy which has befallen our nation are much bigger than any justification for the boycott of the proposed Arab summit," it says.

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### Amended law company foreign boost investment

AMMAN, March 23 (JT). --The Council of Ministers yesterday approved a number of amendments to the companies law of 1964.

An official source at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce stated today that the amendments aimed to encourage foreign investment. They take into consideration Arab and especially Syrian laws in order to promote commercial integration, the source continued. The amendments also take into consideration the activities

Amman Stock Exchange. The amendments raise maximum limit on the capital of some private incorporated companies, especially industrial ones, from JD 250,000 up to

JD 500,000.

This increase, the source said, will enable companies to expand without changing their legal status. The former law stipulated that a rise of such an amount compelled the company to become publicly incorpor-

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Minimum capital value for public incorporated companies is raised from JD 10,000 to JD 60,000 while that of private companies is raised from JD 2,000 to JD 10,000.

On the subject of compulsory liquidation of companies the new law rules that such an act should be carried out if the company in question fails to operate for a duration of one year registration.

The new amendment gives the Ministry of Industry and

# Economic and Business News

# Potash council reorganised

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The administrative council of the Arab Potash Company will consist of 11 members. This is in accordance with an amendment of the company statute recommended by its Director General and Chairman, Mr. Ali Al Khasawneh to the Economic Security Committee recently. Six council members will be appointed by the government, three by the Arab Mining Company and two by other shareholders.

# Arab Jordanian Investment Bank to elect

# a new board of directors

AMMAN, March 23 (JT). - The temporary board of directors of the Jordanian Arab Investment Bank will meet on April 5 to elect a new board of directors for the bank. The Central Bank last November approved the constitution of this bank with a capital of JD 5 million divided into 5 million shares, the nominal value of each share being JD 1. The draft agreement was signed by representatives of the parties participating in the bank which are the Jordanian Retirement Fund, the Housing Bank, Jordan's Ahli Bank, Jordan Bank, Petra Bank, the Jordanian Insurance Company, the Qatari National Bank, Abu Dhabi Investment Fund, Arab Company for Investment in Saudi Arabia, Jordan's Ahli Bank, Saudi Arabia branch, and the Arab Libyan Overseas Bank.



# Giant power plant to built at Aqaba

The thermal power station at Zarqa, described in pesterday's paper, is still being built. But already there are plans for a second and bigger station in the south. 390 villages are being electrified and Jordan's power network improved. The country's rapid electricity expansion is the subject of this article, the second in a twopart series.

### By Ian Kellas Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 23 .- Plans to build a power station on the southern-most tip of Jordan, which may eventually dwarf the present King Hussein Power Station at Zarqa have now received official approval. Tenders are likely to be put out within the year and the station will probably be in operation by 1983.

At a time when work is going ahead to triple the capacity of the new thermal power station at Zarqa, the Jordan Electricity Authority is already looking forward to the time when the net flow of power in the country will be from south to north.

### Jordan's growing power needs

The Planning Manager at the authority, Mr. Mohammad Arafeh, told the Jordan Times that the demand for electricity in Amman had jumped by 300 per cent in five years and was expected to be 50 per cent higher again next

Jordan's present per capita consumption of electricity is very low on the world scale. Kuwait, for instance last year consumed about 1,500 kilowatt (KW) hours per capita, whereas Jordan's figure was only 250 KW hours. But the rate of expansion here is now very high. Britain's consumption is actually declining at the moment by about one per cent a year. Here demand is growing by an average of about 25 per cent.

Half of the sudden increase in demand for the year 1978 is because of new bulk loads that are expected from industry. The refinery for instance will be using three times as much electricity this year as it did last.

Jordan's potash project is expected to require about 50 MW in 1982. And it is largely to service heavy industrial de-

Commerce the right to draw

up any regulations relating to the legal status of different ki-

nds of companies.

power station at Aquba is

The Aqaba power plant

The Aqaba station, like the one at Zarqa, will be powered by steam turbines. Unlike the Zarqa station, it will be watercooled. Its site at Wadi Two, a couple of miles from the Saudi Arabian border and the easy availability of fuel and water make it possible for the station to expand much further than will be possible at Zarqa. It could eventually have a capacity of 1,200 MW, Electricity Thermal Power Pr-10jets Manager Nasser Sad'un told the Jordan Times.

The British consultants, Prece, Cardew and Rider (P.C. & R.) are at the moment updating a feasibility study that they have conducted for the power station. According to present plans three 33 MW units will be ordered for the first stage of the project. They are likely to cost \$60 of \$79

To fill the gap in develop-ment at Aqaba two 3.5 MW diesel units have meanwhile been ordered and they will come into operation in August this year. Documents are being prepared now for stage two of this smaller project which will consist of three 5 MW diesel units to be operational in 1981.

### Other projects

Aqaba, however has no monopoly on electricity development. Karak is being fitted out with a new diesel power station, with a capacity of 4.5 MW which will be ready by about August this year. And there is an ambitious

five-year scheme to electrify villages throughout the Kingdom This project has the unique distinction of being financed by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union. This year 50 villages will be

mand like this that the new given power. Half of these are in the Jordan Valley region while the others will be supplied from Karak.

himning in tandem with pr ojects to increase generating output in the country, there are schemes to improve the network of transmission lines between the various stations. A 132-KV transmission line will be ready by October this year to link Irbid with Amman. And by about the same time Jordan's transmission links with Syria will be upgraded to an interchanging capa-city of 100 MW. By 1986, Mr. Arafeh said, Jordan will en-joy as good an interconnecting system as any in the

Talking about all these plans for development, the projects managers at the Jordan Electricity Authority light up with excitement. They see electricity development just as prerequisite for industrial development but also as an indicator of social development in the country.

So how far do their plans go? Studies have been undertaken into the feasibility of going nuclear. One possibility is an inter-Arab nuclear power station, perhaps on the Saudi Arabian border. But this is not exactly an immediate priority. Even with demand continuing to rise steeply, an optimistic target date for this project would still be no earlier than the year 2000.



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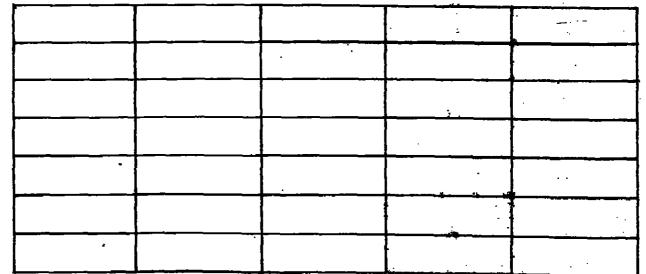
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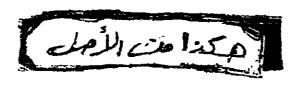
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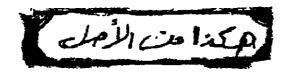
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# National News Roundup

# Crown Prince's support for karate praised

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MAMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The Chairman of the MAMMAN, Marker and Grant has presented His World Confederation of Karate has presented His World Consecration of his support and encourage by highness crown rance and support and encourage ment or this sport in Jordan. The portrait was delivered to the Crown Prince by the South Korean ambassador Lto Jordan.

## How to save fig trees from worms

SALT, March 23 (JNA). - A seminar on means of combating diseases affecting fig trees was held today at the aminicipality of 'Ain El Pasha in the Balqa Governorate. None of the subjects raised at the seminar was the best means of protecting the trees against worms.

### Cement dust may be turned into fertilizer

changing AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The John Carlottere By By to the agriculture than the University of Jordan to finance a study AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The Jordan Cement Facfaculty in the University of Jordan to finance a study any is using cement factory dust as an agricultural fertilizer.

# Pakistani scholars visit Karameh memorial



iven a briefing during their tour of military positions in the ordan Valley, Thursday.

MMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The Pakistani universities elegation, on a visit to Jordan, today toured a number f military positions in the south Jordan Valley area. hey also visited the Karameh battle monument where ue head of the delegation, Dr. Kazi laid a wreath. The elegation was accompanied by several staff members the University of Jordan which has invited the Pakisni scholars to Jordan.

## JNA featured in Arab news agency magazine

BEIRUT, March 23 (JNA). — The Arab News Agencies Union issued in Beirut today the first edition of a periodical covering the activities of Arab news agencies. The first edition of the periodical contains a feature report on the Jordan News Agency (JNA).

### Ad-hoc medical committee meets

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The ad-hoc committee which is presided over by the minister of health, for the formation of a higher medical studies council at the University of Jordan's medical faculty today held a meeting at the Ministry of Health to consider the council's jurisdictions. An authoritative source in the committee said the council will be authorised to recognise training hospitals in the kingdom and grant certificates to students pursuing advanced degrees.

### Former cabinet minister dies

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The Council of Ministers today announced with deep sorrow the death of a former cabinet member. Sami Avvoub. The late Mr. Avvoub had also served as Director of the Cooperative Organisation and as Keeper of the Royal Purse.

## Zarga River pollution discussed

AMMAN, March 23 (JT). — Measures to prevent contamination of the Zarqa river were discussed at a meeting held yesterday at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and attended by representatives of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and of factories situated along the Zarqa river.

### Salt will have a museum

SALT, March 23 (JNA). - The Regional Organisation for Activation of Tourism in the Balqa Governorate in its meeting here today decided to develop the Al Rumeimin water falls for the benefit of tourists. It also decided to establish a museum at the town of Salt next year and to repair a number of ancient mosaics. JD 10,000 were allocated for the Zayy tourist site.

### 45 merchants charged with profiteering

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — The Ministry of Supply today referred to the military tribunal forty five merchants and dealers from all parts of the country on charges of profiteering.

### Two Yemeni officials trained by Agricultural Credit Corporation

AMMAN, March 23 (JT). — Two officials from North Yemen have just ended a three-month training course at the Agricultural Credit Corporation here. The two men were trained in accountancy, tax collection and projects evaluation.

# Coming

Housing experts go to Oman

AMMAN, March 23 (JT). Director of the Housing Bank Zuhair Al Khouri and Director General of the Housing Corporation Hamdallah Al Nabuisi will leave here tomorrow for Oman to advise on the establishment of a housing bank in the Sultanate.

### Yemeni bankers come here

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). -A three-member team from the newly-established Yemeni Housing Credit Bank has arrived in Amman to undergo a threemonth training course in banking business at the Jordanian Housing Bank.

### Social department head joins experts in Cairo

AMMAN, March 23 (JNA). — Director of the Social Affairs and Welfare Department, Khaled Al Radaydeh will represent Jordan at the meeting of Arab social development experts due to open on April 22 at the Arab League H.Q. in Cairo.

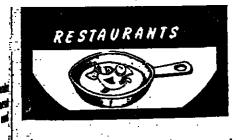


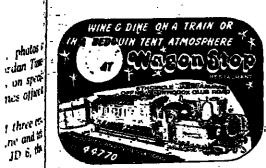
Prof. Musa Nazer, of the Department of Chemistry, University of Jordan, was among 60 over seas delegates at the UNESCO International Chemistry Congress last February at Perth, Western Australia. Prof. Nazer was a member of a panel of speakers on the paper UNESCO Regional Laboratory Workshops -- Accomplishments And Plans. The congress attracted 110 people from 31 countries. Its purpose was to evaluate present methods of teaching chemistry at university. In the picture above, members of the UNESCO chemistry congress discuss a point at an informal demonstration and poster session at the school of chemistry, University of Western Australia. From left to right are Prof. John T. Shimozawa, of the Department of Chemistry, Saitama University, Japan; Prof. Musa Nazer; Prof. Ernesto Giesbrecht, of the Instituto Dequimica, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Dr. John Webb, of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Murdoch University, Western Australia. (Australian Information Service Photograph by Mike Brown)

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Total volume traded, Thursday, March 23: JD 22,726

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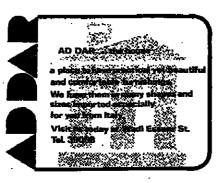


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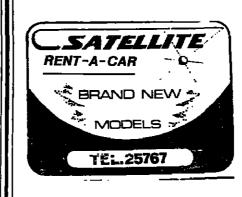


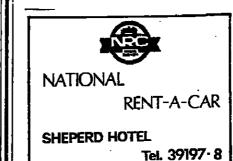




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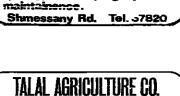
















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# U.S. miners vote on new contract to settle benefits dispute

WASHINGTON, March 23 (R). — America's longest coal strike -- a walkout by 160,000 miners that has lasted nearly four months -- could be over by the weekend. United Mine Workers (UMW) union members vote tomorrow on a contract negotiated by their union leaders to settle their dispute over pay and conditions in the country's soft coal industry.

But despite a proposed increase in average hourly pay from \$7.80 to \$10.20 over the. next three years, the result of the voting is expected to be

Wage and fringe benefit increases are estimated to total 39 per cent, but the miners say money was not the real issue in the weeks of bargaining with the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association.

They say their chief concern was over health benefits, pen-

wish Kayyai sald yesterday.

tern Electric Company.

sions and the penalties for leaders of illegal strikes.

While concessions were made by the owners on the unauthorised strike issue, many miners argue that the new health programme is weaker than the one it replaces.

Since they stopped work last December, the miners have defied direct intervention by

President Carter, first through federal mediation and then through a court injunction ordering them back to work. Both efforts failed,

Saudi project to improve

communications links

with Jordan, Syria, Iraq

JEDDAH, March 23 (R). — A \$500 million communications project in Saudi Arabia is designed to improve links with

Jordan, Syria and Iraq, Communications Minister Alawi Dar-

The project is being carried out by the United States Wes-

Dr. Kayyal said telecommunication links with other Arab

countries would be discussed at an Arab communications

Telephone links between Saudi Arabia and North African countries, hitherto operated through Europe, would be run via Sudan and Egypt in the near future, the minister added.

Iraq's Minister of Transport Mukarram Jamal arrived in

ministers' meeting in Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

Jeddah yesterday for the conference.

the employers are expected formally to declare an impasse and to try to arrange individual agreements between mine companies and union branches. Regardless of the result, a major casualty of the strike has been President Carter's

A tentative contract negoti-

ated with government help

was overwhelmingly rejected

by the strikers and the court

injunction sending them back

to work on the grounds that

the health and safety of the

country were imperilled was ig-

nored by all but a handful of

If the miners do vote for a

may be because their union

return to work tomorrow -the 109th day of the strike --

is threatened with financial ruin and many of them can no

longer keep up payments on their homes or cars.

If they reject the contract,

the men.

energy plan, which stressed the reliability of home-produced fuels such as coal over import-And whatever the final set-

tlement, U.S. consumers will certainly have to pay more for their coal because of the long winter strike.



The building trade, one of the first to suffer from the slon, is finding business brisker. The baby boom of the late fifties and early sixties is leaving school and moving into homes of its own. Nearly half a million new homemakers a year are entering the housing market in the Federal Republic of Germany at the moment. Wood is as popular with the present generation of homemakers as ever. Trade fairs and show houses testify to the many uses to which this versatile material can be put. This award-winning wood-framed home in Lower Saxony may look a far cry from traditional cr blackand-white designs, but wood is reassuringly comfortable.

# Stormy weather halts efforts salvage oil from wrecked

BREST, France, March 23 (R). — Stormy weather and the threat of huge spring tides to-day could dash all hope of salvaging the 50,000 tons of oil still aboard the wrecked tanker Amoco-Cadiz.

French maritime police say that unless the gale-force winds and poor visibility improve by the weekend the tanker, which has already caused the world's biggest oil-spill, will dump its remaining cargo of crude into the ocean,

The weather has delayed plans to chart the rocky watwreck in order ers around the to allow a relief tanker to approach safely and siphon off the remaining oil.

"The weather is critical," said Harry Renkema, Vice President of the American Amoco Company, the vessel's owners.

It ran aground a week ago, and the next day split in half spilling its cargo of crude oil into the ocean. The 62 mile long slick spewed from the vessel onto the

fish-rich Brittany coast and threatens to pollute the water and shoreline for years. Angry fishing trade unionists,

shouting "we want jobs not oil," demonstrated outside po-lice headquarters here last ni-

ght, demanding new laws to prevent tankers nearing the co.

Salvage teams could not land on the ship yesterday because of the weather, and heavy spring tides this weekend could make their job impossible, oil industry sources said.

Pasquale Bardani, the Italian skipper of the 109,000-ton tanker, has been charged with polluting the sea and released on

Yesterday the French gove. rement released an initial five million francs (\$1 million) to compensate fishermen and compensate fishermen and other locals for damage caused

# Dollar weakens on Japanese. European foreign exchanges

LONDON, March 23 (R). -The dollar weakened on European foreign exchange markets today in thin trading ahead of the long Easter holiday.

By contrast, trading was active in Tokyo where the dollar sank to its record post-war low rate of 230 yen, first hit on March 17.

A total of \$491 million cha-

course of the day's trading. The Bank of Japan was reported to have bought \$200 million to \$250 million to keep the dollar from falling beneath the 230-yen barrier.

nged hands in Tokyo during the

Altogether, the bank is estimated to have bought \$3 bil-lion so far this month to prop up the U.S. currency and its governor, Mr. Teiichiro Morinaga, today said the policy of intervention would continue in order to curb speculation.

According to the Japanese government, the rise of the yen against the dollar seriously threatens the future of Japanese exporters whose goods are becoming more expensive to

buy abroad.

Mr. Morinaga said the United States should defend the dollar more seriously and added that Japan should make a bigger effort to reduce its huge current account surplus. West Germany today report-

ed a current account surplus of 500 million marks (about \$250 million) last month, com-pared with a deficit of 400 mil-lion marks (about \$200 million) in January. On March 22, the U.S. Com-

merce. Department reported that the United States current account balance of payments deficit was a record \$20.2 billion in 1977. Imbalance between the per-

formance of the United States and that of the economies of Japan and West Germany is seen as one of the main causes

of the dollar's present weak-

Against this background, British Prime Minister James Callaghan is meeting President Jimmy Carter in Washington today to discuss the international economic situation.

The meeting could lay some of the groundwork for an economic summit of the Western industrialised nations and Japan scheduled to be held Bonn in July.

# Saudi Arabia cuts inflation 11%

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia March 23 (R). — Arabia has reduced its inflation rate from 31 per cent in 1976 to 11 per cent last year, the commerce

He said this was the re-sult of the government's well-studied policies. The minister was speak-

ing at a ceremony to bonour three Saudi businessmen with decorations from King Khalid.

# Nicosia court rejects gunman's confession Both Mr. Katar and the oth-

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 23 (AP). — A Nicosia court yesterday rejected a confession by one of two Palestinian gunmen accused of murdering a prominent Egyptian here last month.

The three-man court ruled the confession was inadmissible as evidence, because the accused, Sameer Mohammad Katar, 28, was not fluent in English, the language used by the police officer who took a statement from him.

The court said the statement should have been taken in Arabic through an interpreer accused, Zayed Hussein Al Ali, 26, pleaded innocent when their trial opened March 9. They are accused of the pre-meditated murder of Youse Sibai, the Editor-in-Chief of Egypt's leading newspaper, Al Ahram, in Nicosia on Feb. 28. With the rejection of Mr.

prosecution evidence yet to be heard is the testimony of a ballistic expert, the last of 42 witnessee The trial will continue Thurs-

Katar's confession the only

day and is expected to continue a few more days, depending on the number of witnesses called by the defence.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below. One sterling . . . 1.8720/40

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## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock prices closed lower in dull trading Thursday sheed of the Easter weekend, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index \*\*\*

Government bonds finished 1/8 lower in long dated bond while shorts lost 1/16. Industrial leaders mostly lost a penul Gold shares held quietly firm but were below the highest

levels of the day. Australians were steady while U.S. and Canal Shell and Burman lost 3p and a penny to 522 and 47 respective

circular estimating lower profits. ICI, Beecham, Plessey and Disti lers shed between a penny and 3p. GEC and Reed were unchange

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$179,39/oz.

# Egypt expects to export 200,000 tons of rice this year

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 23 (R). — Egypt is expected to export 200,000 tons of rice, mainly to Arab countries, this year, Egyptian export sources said yesterday.

This year's export quota was about the same as last year's and destined for the same markets, the sources added. The bulk 15,000 tons this year compared with 40,000 tons last year.

# Rhodesia's mining industry of world recession face 10

By John Leech

SALISBURY, (F.T.) — Together with the export of agricultural surpluses, the mining industry has underpinned the Rhodesian economy and enabled it to continue to beat U.N. sanctions.

Throughout the 12 years of UDI, mining has provided some 50 per cent of Rhodesia's foreign earnings and the graph of both production and value has steadily risen. There are now signs, how-

ever, that this essential source of revenue and foreign exchange will not, at this particularly important time for Rhodesia, prove quite the same golden goose as it has done in the past.

Due to the depressed state of the world's metal workers more than 1,700 miners have lost their jobs in the past few months. Two important chrome mines have closed; several mining groups have announced losses and production cutbacks.

Minerals mainly affected, in addition to chrome, are copper, nickel and zinc. Only gold is doing well. Wankie colliery, the count-

ry's biggest coal producer, closed one shaft in 1976 in reflection of low world steel production. In July 1977 Rio Tinto closed two chrome mines and a ferro-chrome pilot smeiter plant. About 700 jobs were affec-

ted by the Rio Tinto closures. Last November, Lonrho's Inyati copper mine made 900 workers redundant after the announcement of heavy financial losses in the previous qu-Not long afterwards, Rio

Tinto announced a 16 per cent profit drop at its Shangani Mine and cut production by half, causing 109 redundancies out of a workforce of 440. The government, however, continues to insist that last

year's overall mining output will establish another record in terms of both tonnage and With gold riding high, this may turn out to be true, at

least in terms of value, but the base metals industry is undoubtedly suffering consid-The Minister of Mines, Mr. Mussett, restated only two weeks ago the government's belief that new records would be set in last year's produc-

tion, but few observers, and

certainly no mining group ex-ecutives, regard this with any

conviction. The government permits publication only of overall annual tonnage and output figures. It does not permit publication of actual sales or of the state of stockpiles. But a glimpse of the likely situation in this respect was given in Rio Tinto's latest quarterly review which spoke of the need to raise additional funds

to finance stockpiles. Under these circumstance of government secrecy it is extremely difficult to assess accurately the real state of the industry. Mining group officia-Is, for example, appear to be under instruction not to reveal the effects of the repeal

Despite government secrecy there is evidence that Rhodesia's vital mining industry has been badly hit by the world recession in many metal markets. With the huge cost of fighting off the guerrillas this bodes ill for white supremacy.

Egypt's latest cash corp

measures.

currency.

of the U.S. Byrd Amendment dustry's most prolific produlast year on sales from Rhodesia's chrome mines. And chrome ore has been in the past one of the Rhodesian in-

exodus of workers, looking

for better jobs, was considered one of the country's cri-

tical problems. Those leaving

were skilled workmen, carp-enters, electricians, plumbers

and masons, creating a serious shortage of trained wor-

kers. Most of them went to

the Gulf or Libya, where they

were making four times what they could make in Egypt.

people in the economic mini-

stry took another look at the

situation and decided that far

from being a problem, it was

an opportunity that was being

None of the Egyptian banks

were getting any of the hard currency earned by these Wo-

rkers because the government would pay only the official

rate, 43 plastres to the dollar,

for remittance money. So all

of it was going into the black

market at 70 or more plastres

money the government estab-lished an "incentive rate" ab-

out equal to the black mar-

ket rate. It also created att-

ractive investment opportuni-

ties such as American dollar

bonds that pay eight per cent,

To attract the remittance

to the dollar.

Then some of the brighter

The exodus of skilled labour from Egypt to higher

paying jobs elsewhere created a serious shortage of

skilled workers at home, but the authorities are using

the situation to remedy a far more critical shortage --

Egypt's lack of hard currency.

By Bob Allison

CAIRO, (F.T.) — "Our coun-

try," Egyptians like to say, "lives off three crops -- cot-

ton, tourists and the Suez Ca-

nal." Now there's a fourth --

More than half a billion U.S.

dollars in much needed hard

currency was sent home in the past year by Egyptians working abroad, as much as

the canal and tourists each

brought in And by 1980 offi-

cials here expect income from

remittances to pass the billion

There's no limit in sight on

how much Egypt may event-

ually earn through its export

of manpower. The supply is

almost limitless. A population

of nearly 40 m. people is inc-

reasing by another million ev-

ery year, and the population

density in the habitable area

is one of the highest in the

The demand for labour in

this region is practically in-

satiable. Saudi Arabia alone

will need another one million

imported workers to carry

out its vast development pr-

Until a few years, ago the

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world.

Remittances emerge

Certainly, Rhodesia's Association of Mineworkers, which represents both black and

a very high rate here, and in-

terest on savings accounts was

given a hefty boost. The re-

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mittance money started to roll

None of this, of course, he-

lped to relieve the shortage

of skilled workers, but it has

helped the much more critical

problem of a shortage of hard

To increase its supply of tr-

ained workers the Housing Ministry has set up a \$110 m.

vocational training programme to turn out 50,000 skilled wc-

rkers and 60 foremen each

year for the next five years.

The World Bank is financing

most of the project and seve-

ral European countries such

as West Germany, France and

Italy are also helping.

Probably a third of the graduates will emigrate. The mo-

ney they send home will soon

pay off the costs of the pro-

gramme, and those who stay

behind will help to relieve Egypt's shortage of skilled

try exporting labour to get in on the Middle East construc-

tion boom. There are at least

200,000 Jordanians (nearly all

Palestinians) working in the

Gulf. They contribute more

than \$300 m. to Jordan's eco-

nomy each year. About 200,000

Iranians and Pakistanis also

work in the area. South Ko-

rea has exported more than

manpower exports to win con-

The Koreans are using the

40,000 workers.

Egypt is not the only coun-

white miners, is concerned about the situation in the industry. Its president, Mr. Howard Bloomfield, expressed his worry particularly over the fact that there is little if any provision to help those miners who cannot find alternative work.

It is not known just how a result of the recent closures and cutbacks. Rio Tinto has said it is doing its best to find jobs. Many of the unlucky

More than three billion dol-

lars worth of construction pr-

ojects went to South Korea last year. Chung Jai Suk, Cha-

irman and President of the

Korean Foundation for Mide-

ast Studies, told the Los An-

deast projects, can offer fin-

ancing and better technology than we have but it can't of-

fer the labour. We can offer

skilled labour and a certain

amount of technology as well,

and nobody else can do that."

technology, it remains the fa-

voured source of imported

labour in the Arab oil coun-

tries because Egyptian work-

ers create fewer problems. Th-

ey share a religion, language

and history with their hosts.

The same can be said of the

Palestinians, but their politics worry the Gulf Arabs, while

Pakistanis and Iranians share

Yet the Egyptian workers have run into trouble in one

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While Egypt can't offer the

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geles Times:

There are some 60,000 miners registered in Rhodesia, so that on the face of it, recent redundancies do not form a large percentage of the industry. But this figure include countless numbers of "small-

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# workers", the individual ent-

repreneurs who work small and often seasonal operations. Another indication of the state of the industry is that nothing further has been heard of a claim by former Mines Minister Ian Dillon of the impending opening of a large new chrome mine costing mil-

ilons of dollars. The anti-nationalist war is now costing Rhodesia some £500,000 a day, over 20 per cent of its annual budget, and the latest signs that all is not well with the economy are the further reductions in import quotas.

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Despite all the secrecy involved in economic matters. enough indications have emerged recently to show that the burdens are becoming heavier.

Unless Rhodesia can earn foreign exchange from its mining and its agriculture, its economy cannot function.

Asked in a T.V. interview whether the Rhodesian economy could withstand the war burden indefinitely, Prime Minister Ian Smith said unequi-vocally: "Yes." He did not elaborate, and economic observers do not share his optimi-

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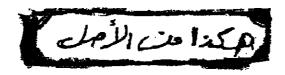
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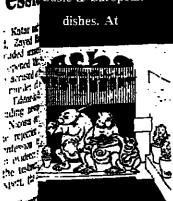
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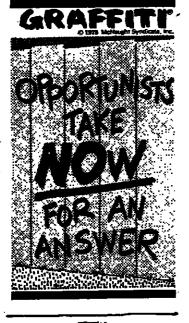
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# Libya takes aggressive approach agricultural independence

By Godfrey Grima

MALTA, (F.T.) - Replying to an after dinner toast while on an official visit to Niger recently Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi warned fellow African leaders: "Unless Africa can stay on her own two feet, free from economic aid, political independence will remain an illusion."

It is of course easy for Col. Qadhafi to pontificate on economic freedom. From last year's export of 92.5 m. tons of crude oil, Libya earned close billion. Impoverished African states, short of raw minerals, find materials and it hard to free themselves from the grip of the industrialised world, or the dependence on cash aid from luckier. bigger countries.

Libya not totally independent Even Libya, despite its enormous oil wealth, is not co-

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independent from East and Western Europe for her basic needs. In one effort after the other Col. Qadhafi has been trying to curtail this dependence. The objective is to get Libya, possibly by 1980, to grow all her own food and produce all the goods she consu

When in December last year the country's General People's Congress, which functi-ons very much like an ordinary parliament, met to review progress achieved by the current five year developmeni plan, congressmen decided to funnel yet more cash into exercise. the

Originally it was felt that D7.5 bn. (£1=0.57 Libyan 1.D7.5 dinars) would create an adequate degree of self-reliance The problem however is that Libya, like many other oilproducing countries, has suffered both from the decline in the sales of crude since the quadrupled and from

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Libva is determined to try and grow all its own food in another two years, in one of the most hectic, expensive and determined development plans which the world has ever seen. Most of Libya is desert and the people apathetic -- but Libya has abundant supplies of one major resource: Money.

the hefty increases in the cost of manufactured goods and

raw materials. The extent of the setback Libya suffered in 1975 is revealed in a publication recently released by the Libyan Central Bank. Income from Central Bank. oil production slumped more than LD440 m. to LD2 bn. while the cost of imports soared to LD1.45 bn. In 1970. before the prices of oil and raw materials rocketed, Libya

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was earning a total of LD853 m and spending LD303 m. with a remaining LD550 m. going into the national coffers, but by 1975 the country was left with much LD314.6 m. to be exact.

### Cash situation improving

In 1976, with exports of crude rising to 1.2 bn. tons from 1.1 bn. tons the year before, the country's cash situation

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judging by official statistics, again down, the country just about managed to maintain her net-income position stable. With imports therefore ea-

showed signs of improvement.

Last year, with production,

ting well into Libya's huge incomes Congress decided to step up the pace of development by pumping more funds into the economic mainstream.

To complete development schemes, some of which have been on hand since the early seventies, Libya is now planning to spend more than LD9.2 bn. by 1980. This year's budget alone will cost LD1.7 bn.

The more aggressive and successful efforts are reserved for creating, out of desert outbacks and windswept coastline escarpments, a highly productive agricultural indus-

### Aggressive development

This year close to LD500 m. will go into setting up new modern farmsteads where impressive wheat, barley, vegetables and fruits grow, to reclaim and farm abandoned regions in the heart of the country, and to build expensive dams and water catchment schemes. Another LD221 m. will finance the building of new factories. By 1980 the figure for both agriculture and industry will have climbed to an astronomical LD2.8

The rest is needed to modernise a cracking infrastructure while attempts at creating a consumer-producer state are made. Bids to generate electricity for the development of an industrial base and for the new urban schemes rising in the deep south will, by 1980, have absorbed LD900

Housing, where Col. Qadhafi's ambition to provide every Libyan family with decent accommodation still remains to be fulfilled, is being allocated more than LDI.1 bn. with LD211 m. being spent this

"We are now spending close to 93 per cent of our development budget though most countries find it hard to complete 60 per cent of their schemes", an official at the Ministry of Planning remarks with understandable pride.

Heavy industry, petrochemical emphasis

Within 10 years the Libraria hope their economy will have changed considerably with exports of chemical fertilizers, plastics, refined oil products and possibly from ore overtaking oil shipments. Already emphasis is being placed on the creation of heavy industry and petrochemicals.

Success so far has been encouraging although clearly much ground must still won in this dash for growth According to official sources certain sectors are growing at a faster pace than planned Certainly the 19.5 per cent growth rate achieved in the past three years in the non-petroleum industrial sector is encouraging, even though this must be seen from the viewpoint that increases are being made from scratch. At any rate ranking Libyan officials are confident enough to ferecast a 30 per cent increase in industrial output. Electricity within two years will grow by 23 per cent, transport, which includes the building of a merchant and tanker fleet, by 18 per cent, agriculture by 16 cent and health services by 12 per cent.

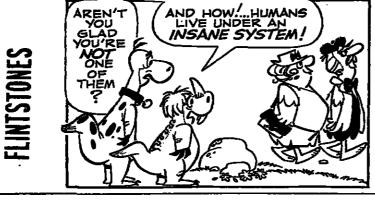
### Labour drain problem

The problems which still litter the way are not insignificant. Primarily Libya, with a population that hardly comes up to 2 m, depends heavily on immigrant labour from neighbouring Egypt, Sudan and Tunisia. With relations with Egypt and Sudan still at a low ebb there has recently en a steady exodus of badly needed workers.

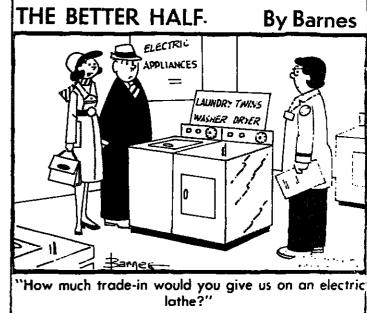
Also, the building of a modern state would only see Libya half-way through fulfilling the overall objective of creating a self-reliant economy. Once development is completed Libyans must be able to take over the efficient running of the economy themselves. Col. Qadhafi is pumping more than half a billion dinars into education in the next two years. His main obstacle remains, however, the sheer inertia which seems to most Libyans.

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# Young makes effort Book released claiming to achieve ceasefire in Rhodesian war

LUSAKA, March 23 (R). - United States envoy Andrew Young is expected to hold informal talks with leaders of black Africa's "frontline" states in Dar Es Salaam this weekend, aides said today. The presidents of the "frontline" states -- Angola, Botswana Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia -- are to hold summit talks there at the weekend with leaders of the Rhodesian black nationalist guerrillas.

Mr. Young's aides said the black American diplomat did not expect to address the sum-

mit formally. But he would hold informal discussions with the frontline presidents. The U.S. envoy arrived in Lusaka yesterday from Tanzania on an African tour and forecast last night that new efforts would be made in the next few weeks to secure a ceasefire in the

Analysts said it seemed like-

ly he would be pursuing cease-fire proposals when he met the black African presidents, who support the guerrilla war ef-

The black U.S. diplomat told Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda last night, "We will continue working with you and the frontline presidents to try to bring about a settlement that does bring about genuine majority rule and does end the

fighting.
"I am confident that in the

# first receives visit from wife since sentenced to be hung

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 23, (R). — Ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday received his first visit from his wife since he was sentenced to hang for ordering a political assassi-

Iranian-born Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto later refused to say whether her husband intended to appeal to the Supreme Court. He has until Sunday to appeal.

Four others convicted with him last Saturday -- all officers of the now disbanded Federal Security Force -- lodged appeals yesterday.
Mr. Bhutio, 50, who was ousted in a coup last July, is

held in a bare condemned cell. The only concession to his five-and-a-half years as ruler of Pakistan is a cot to sleep

Demonstrations against the verdict continued but on a small scale. The army regime rounded up hundreds -- some said thousands -- of officials of Mr. Bhutto's Peoples Party

By Dai Hayward

LONDON, (F.T.) — A free air-

lift of voters across 2,000 mi-

les of Pacific Ocean could to-

pple Sir Albert Henry, autoc-

ratic strong man of the Cook Islands in the March 30th el-

ection. The fight would be

financed by the opposition Democratic Party.

Sir Albert, who has kept a grip on the government of

the Cook Islands since this

South Pacific nation was gra-

nted independence 15 years

ago, is at the same time one

of the most vilified and most

beloved of political leaders in

the region.

Reviled for unashamedly

handing out political favours

to his supporters, and for fil-

ling major government posts

with his family and friends, his opponents also accuse him

of grave deceptions. Sir Albe-

before the verdict was anno-

unced Twenty-five people were arrested in Rawalpindi after women students held a procession. Other processions were reported from Islamabad, Hyderabad and Peshawar.

A canal was breached in Sind Province, causing flooding but no injuries. Anti-Bhutto political parties were reported considering an

offer by the army last week to form a national government. The Urdu-language news-paper Nawai-waqt said all but one of the eight parties in the Pakistan National Alliance had shown interest in the offer. It was extended also to some ele-

ments within Mr. Bhutto's People's Party. The idea of a national government was last raised six months ago when Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, the military ruler, postponed elections indefinitely to give him time to try Mr. Bhutto on charges of political cor-

Cook Islands

next few weeks we will begin to see some new determination on the part of all parties to bring about a genuine cease-

fire," he said. Mr. Young and Dr. Kaunda, speaking publicly in the Zam-bian leader's official residence here, both condemned the internal deal last night.

Dr. Kaunda said it would leave power in white hands and lead to a superpower conflagration in the territory. There is a wide understanding that what you say about the internal settlement is correct." Mr. Young told him.

# Chad - Frolinat reconciliation talks begin

SABHA, March 23 (R). -Talks began in this central Libyan town today aimed at reconciliation between the Chad government and rebels of the Chad National Liberation Front, Frolinat.

Frolinat has carried on a guerrilla war in northern Chad for 12 years and now claims to control half the country.

The talks were agreed upon last month at a summit meet-ing of leaders of Chad and its neighbours, Sudan, Niger and the Libyan Jamahiriyah. All four countries are represented at the talks here, which are chaired by Sudanese Vice President Major Abu Al Gasim Mohammad Ibrahim.

The military head of Frolinat is leading the rebels' delegation. while his predecessor, who crossed over to the government in 1976, is taking part on the Cha-

# successful cloning

NEW YORK, March 23 (R). - A book claiming a human being has been created from a test tube became available to reviewers today -- along with an author's note saying he does not expect to be believed.

The book, In his Image, by science writer David Rorvik, also has a statement from the publishers, saying they were taking the author's word that his account was true and that they had no independent way of authenticating the work.

In His Image, has been denounced sight unseen by dozens of American scientists who say it is not yet possible to produce a human being through the asexual reproductive system called cloning - a complicated cell manipulation process which allows the creation of genetic duplicates.

The author says the laboratory baby, created from a single male cell, is now a healthy 14-month-old boy. A first look at the book raises the possibility that the scientific world will still reject its claims, even though they are now in print. .

Hired by millionaire

The book is rich in novelistic detail as Mr. Rorvik, 34, tells w he was approached by a millionaire named Max and asked to hire scientists willing to produce the first human cione.

Mr. Rorvik said Max, then 67 years old, had his heart set

on having an exact genetic duplicate of himself created. The author says he found the scientist he calls Darwin who was willing to perform the necessary experiments using Max's money. He also tells how they set up shop in a foreign country he declines to name.

Mr. Rorvik admits to changing certain details in his story to protect the privacy of those involved.

He tells how surrogate mothers were chosen and how Max eventually came to fancy one of them, a woman Mr. Rorvik

Eventually, Mr. Rorvik says, an egg containing only Max's

cells was transplanted into Sparrow's womb. She gave birth to the millionaire's clone. Details of certain processes involved in the cioning were left out of the book, and this may make it impossible for sci-

entists to verify Rorvik's claim. The author, a former Time magazine writer, says at the end of the book, "I am confident that in the fainess of time, complete documentation will be forthcoming.

"In the meantime, I entertain no expectations that anyone, scientist or layman, would accept this book as proof of the events described."

# Suharto sworn in

# Indonesia's elected Vice President

JAKARTA, March 23 (R). -President Suharto of Indonesia was sworn in for his third fiveyear term today and soon afterwards the People's Congress elected former Foreign Minis-ter Adam Malik as his Vice

The choice of 60-year-old Mr. Malik, like yesterday's re-elec-

President Suharto, 56, who came to power after crushing the 1965 communist coup at-

the Congress and to the entire Indonesian people who had pia-ced full confidence in him. But I am well aware that the duty entrusted upon me is

extremely heavy," he added. Mr. Malik succeeds Sultan Hamengku Buwono, who dec-lined re-election for health reasons. He will be sworn in to-

A veteran of Indonesia's strggle against Dutch colonial rule, Mr. Malik is popular with the young and, observers be-lieve, a possible bridge betwe-en the government and dissident students.

He was foreign minister for 11 years before being elected chairman of Congress and Parliament last October.

tion of the president, was un-opposed and unanimous. tempt, said after being sworn in he was deeply grateful to

throw.

The spokesman said Mr.

# GRAPO claims responsibility for murder of Spanish prison chief

Police today hunted leftwing guerrillas who claimed responsibility for yesterday's machine-gun murder here of Spain's director general of pri-SODS.

Senor Jesus Haddad Blanco, 39, was shot dead in the back seat of his official car by three young gunmen who escaped on

He was the most senior Spanish official to be assassinated since Basque guerrillas killed Prime Minister Luis Carrerro Blanco in December, 1973.

A communique left in a Madrid telephone booth last night claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of the October First Anti-Fascist Resistance Groups (GRAPO).

It said the killing was to avenge an anarchist prisoner who died ten days ago in jail after interrogation. Senor Haddad's death was meant as a "warning to those who torture and mistreat prisoners," the communique said.

Grapo, active since October 1975, have made numerous attacks on policemen and gov-ernment officials. They were last night blamed for the mur-der by Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa who said police ought to be given great-

er powers to combat terrorism. Senor Martin Villa said police believed Senor Haddad's killers were the same gummen who shot dead a Madrid police-man earlier this month. He al-

so linked the attack with a po-lice captain's murder here last September.

In an interview published in a provincial newspaper on the morning of his death, Senor Haddad reiterated his commit. ment to improve conditions in Spanish jails which have been torn by disturbances for over

a year. The interior minister said last night the killing would not stop proposed reforms of the penal system and would not affect the consolidation of democracy

in Spain. Senor Martin Villa said There is a political motive behind the killing because it was an attack on the state & self but it ought to be treated

# U.S. envoy sees positive new phase to U.S.-Somali relations

MOGADISHU, March 23 (R). — President Carter's special envoy to Somalia, Mr. Richard Moose, said today he believed relations between the United States and Somalia were entering a new and positive pha-

Mr. Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, was speaking to reporters at Mogadishu Airport as he left for Nairobi after a six-day visit which included several meetings with President Mohammad

Siad Barre. He said: "There is no doubt that at this stage in our relationship we share important common objectives and I believe that we will find ways to work together towards those obiectives."

Mr. Moose and his delega-tion of three, which included a representative of the Nation-Security Council, came

## Uganda dismisses claim of growing anti-Amin movement

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 23 (AP). — The Ugandan gov-

ernment has dismissed as groundless claims by former President Milton Obote that a resistance movement is building up within the country against President Idi Amin. Mr. Obote, ousted by Amin in a military coup in January

1971 made the claim in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) in London and in a statement published by the London Guardian A Ugandan military spokes-

man, quoted by Uganda Radio in a broadcast monitored here, said most of Obote's agents in Tanzania had given up their attempts to oust Amin's military regime. Mr. Obote has lived in Tanzania since his over-

Obote's statement that his network of "resistance cells" had spread all over Uganda "is just here to discuss U.S.-Somali relations and the situation in the Horn of Africa following the defeat of Somali forces Russian and Cuban-backed Eth-

iopians in the Ogaden War.

Mr. Moose said he was to receive further instructions in Nairobi from Washington. U.S. Embassy sources said he may fly next to Saudi Arabia and Cairo, but there was no official confirmation of this.

The assistant secretary said his talks with President Siad Barre were extremely constructive and very friendly.

He said they discussed "the full range of bilateral questions of interest to us and we reviewed the situation in the Horn of Africa in detail." He added: "We are entering

a new and positive phase of a relationship that has extended back over some years."

Mr. Moose said he could

give no details of his talks until he had reported back to President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, but informed sources said they centred on U.S. conditions for satisfying Somalia's acute need for economic and military assistance.

Somali dream

President Carter has said no U.S. assistance will be given in either sector until Somelia agrees to make a commitment not to dishonour the international boundaries with either Ethiopia or Kenya. It was the Somali dream of

eventually uniting all elements of the Somali race spread throughout neighbouring countries which triggered the Ogaden War. According to diplomatic so

urces here President Siad Barre has been at pains to keep his political options open as he faces pressure from his old ally, the Soviet Union, the Arab World and the West The secrecy surrounding his talks with Mr. Moose was particularly impregnable, even for a country where all major

decisions are taken behind the closed doors of the ruling Revolutionary Socialist Party Central Committee.

Observers believed the U.S. Somali discussions were inne-

nsely delicate and crucial to Somalia's future. There is a feeling among

diplomats here, however, that it may be some time before my decisions are announced. On Western ambassador said: "The president may well take a great gulp of air and plung-his head under water for a while, waiting to see exactly what the big powers are offer ing before he comes up."

# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form Ah've nothin' t'wear! four ordinary words. SCUHR **OSHUE** ACEPIE WHAT FUR DO YOU SET FROM A SKUNK? BRYFLE Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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The narrow outcome of the Cook Islands elections may be decided by airlifts of expatriate islanders from New Zealand. A fish-hungry, oil-hungry world awaits the result with interest.

Airlifts may decide outcome

rt constantly angers New Ze-aland Prime Minister Mr. Muldoon and his colleagues too, giving free utterance to his outspoken views.

As well as being Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Sir Albert is also his own Minis-ter of Aviation, Immigration, External Affairs, National Development, Housing, Govern-ment and Central Administration. He also controls the Judicial Service Commission and

the Legislature.

ways included at least one member of his immediate fam--- Sir Albert personally makes every decision that ma-

tters. At the age of 74 this

veteran of Pacific politics, and a great orator, shows no inc-lination to loosen his grip. Countering accusations of undemocratic behaviour, Albert has alleged that overseas interests, including New Zealand business interests, are behind a plot to assessinate him. He also accuses his chief political oppo-nent, Dr. Thomas Davis, of Although he has a seven-man cabinet -- which has alhaving a secret agreement wi-American financial interes-

> sort. Some Cook Islands electoral seats are held so marginally that only a handful of voters are needed to tip the balance of power. Dr. Davis claims that as few as 30 more opposition voters in some constituencies could defeat Sir Albert's Cook Islands Party candidates. Under the Cook Islands constitution, originally drawn up by New Zealand, islanders can only vote if they are present on the Islands, so Dr. Davis arranged to fly op-position supporters in from

ts to exploit the Cook Islands

by turning them into a high-

class tourist and gambling re-

Sir Albert, as Minister of Aviation, has told the Zealand government that he will not allow the plane to land. He also says that he will fly in his own supporters if he can get a plane. The New Zealand Civil Aviation Department has told the premier that such a plane would not be given clearance unless opposition party's airlift

is also permitted to land. During the last election in 1974, Dr. Davis organised an airlift of voters pledging allegiance to his party. But when the votes were counted at Raratonga airport, Sir Albert had a majority of the riates' allegiance and

vis had a flight bill for

\$17,000. The fortunes of Sir Albert's party have dwindled since then however. Last year Dr. Devis' Democrats won a traditional Cook Islands party se-at in a by-election, albeit by only 30 votes. In the forthcoming election Dr. Davis also has the support of two of Sir Albert's former cabinet ministers who resigned in protest at his growing nepotism. Much more is at stake than

elections

the government of fifteen tropical islands which cover only 93 square miles of land but are scattered over 850,000 square miles of ocean. With the hardening attitude of so-me countries particularly New Zealand and Australia, towards foreign fishing boats, and with the development of offshore oil drilling and mineral exploitation techniques, control over this vast area of the Pacific could become of great importance over the next few

years. The Soviet Union has already shown interest in negotiating fishing rights with some smaller Pacific Islands states, and Japan will certainly be looking for more free fishing for its 300 squid boats now working off the New Zealand

The Cook Islands themselves, supported only by the export of labour and citrus fruits, have staggered from economic crisis to economic crisis over the past few years. They have been helped by New Zealand aid which this year will amount to \$1.6 m. A few years ago, New Zealand imposed tighter supervision over the distribution and spending of aid money which, it was claimed, was often spent on purposes other than th-

ose for which it was intended. With the eager eyes of the world now focused on Pacific Ocean waters for a multitude of reasons, the external relations of the Cook Islands are rapidly growing in importan-ce. When the happy, friendly islanders go to the polls at the end of this month, the result will be of interest for outside Raratonga and its ne-ighbouring islands.

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# CORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES'H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF © 1978 by Chicago Tribune North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH ♥ A J 10 3 **♦ KQ94 ♣** A J 62 WEST EAST **+Q976** ♥Q9754 ♥86 ◇ J 10 5 ♦872

**+**10843 **♣KQ95** SOUTH **◆ AKJ10853** ♡ K 2 ◇ A 63

The bidding: South West North East Pass 2 4 Pass Pass 4NT Pass 4 ♠ 5 ♡ Pass 7 🕈 Pass Pass Opening lead: Jack of ◊.

For the first time, a leg of the Philip Morris European Cup was held behind the Iron Curtain when Hungary hosted the event in Lake Balaton in December. This hand is from that tournaand decide whether you would rather play or defend a grand slam in spades.

North was somewhat aggressive in pushing to the grand slam with only a singleton trump. Obviously, he hoped his partner's spade suit would be solid.

It seems that East must score a trump trick, so we fend. But let's see what trick for down one.

jack of diamonds. Declarer wins in dummy and finesses the ten of spades. When he cashes the king he gets the bad news of the 4-1 trump break, so he must set up a trump coup if he is to make his contract. For that, he needs four more entries to dummy for three club ruffs and the trump coup. There seem to be only three, but...

happens after the lead of the

Cross to the ace of clubs and ruff a club. Cash the ace of diamonds, reenter dummy with a diamond and ruff another club. To get two more entries, lead a low heart and finesse the ten. When this holds, you ruff a club, overtake the king of hearts with the ace and you are in dummy for the coup. Everyone is down to two cards and, when you lead a red card from dummy, East finds that his Q-9 of trumps are destined to take no trick.

Well and good, but don't change your mind just yet and opt to play the grand slam, for West has not been alert. It should be obvious ment. Study all four hands that declarer is playing for a trump coup, and West can snarl his entries. When declarer leads a low heart to dummy with the intention of finessing. West should play the queen! That forces declarer to win the ace, and the second heart entry to dummy has vanished into thin air. Declarer is an entry short for the trump coup, presume you elected to de- and he must concede a trump

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